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The United States is concerned about reports of legislation in Nigeria that would restrict expression, assembly, or organization based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The proposed legislation has not been adopted.

The freedoms of speech, assembly and association are long-standing international commitments and universally recognized. Nigeria, as a State Party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, has assumed important obligations on these matters. We expect the Government of Nigeria to act in a manner consistent with those obligations. The United States believes that all people deserve the full range of human rights and opposes the criminalization of sexual relations between consenting adults. The United States is watching this matter closely.

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